

A New Subspecies of *Attacus edwardsii* from the Malay Peninsula (Lepidoptera, Saturniidae)

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Attacus (Archaeoattacus) edwardsii WHITE, 1859, a kind of saturniid moths, was described from Darjeeling and was afterwards found from the Himalayas, Sikkim, Tonkin, Tibet and Yunnan. It has been monotypic, no subspecies or local race having been known up to the present. However, specimens of this beautiful large moth from the Cameron Highlands of the Malay Peninsula seem to represent a distinct new geographical race, and the authors are going to describe this subspecies in the following lines.

Attacus (Archaeoattacus) edwardsii malayanus sub sp. nov.

Differs from the nominate subspecies from northeastern India in the following points: tegula, patagia dorsum of thorax and the ground colour of the upperside of both wings paler and much more reddish; antemedial line of the upperside of forewing distinctly and arcuately incurved in cell, with white streaks along veins 2 and 3 usually shorter, not reaching the postmedial line; postmedial line more strongly incurved from costa to vein 5, more strongly protrudent in cellule 5, somewhat but distinctly dislocated outwards at vein 2, and then the inclination to the hind margin from there weaker than in the nominate race; submarginal festoons not so high as in the nominate race in hindwing, but on the contrary, the submarginal line of forewing is more strongly undulate.

Length of forewing: 103–111 mm (male), 105–107 mm (female).

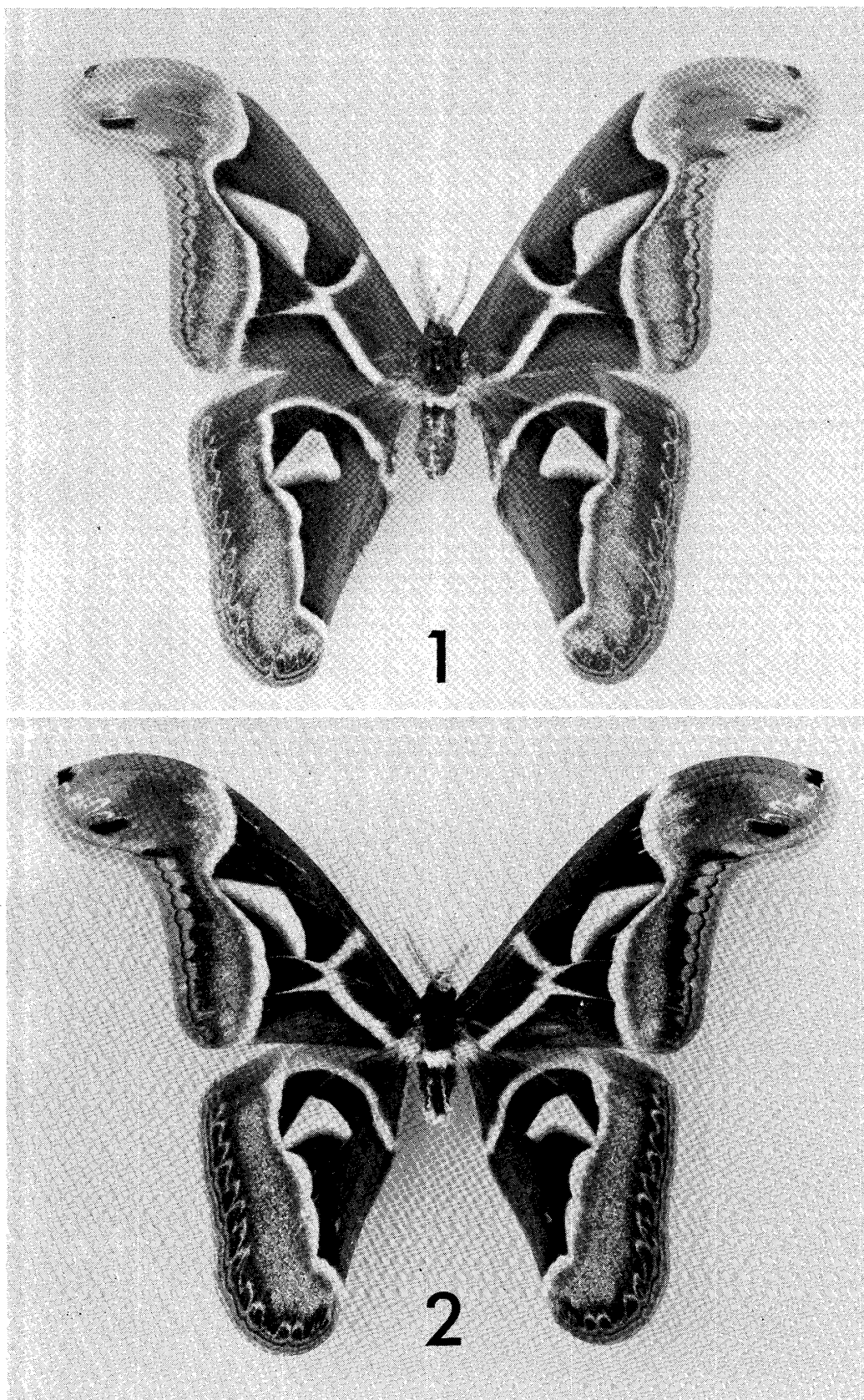
Holotype: ♂, 15. iii. 1978, Cameron Highlands, Malay Peninsula.

Paratypes: 1♂, 18. ii. 1973, Cameron Highlands, Malay Peninsula, H. KEZUKA lgt.; 3♂♂ 3♀♀, ii. 1980, do; 2♂♂, data uncertain, do.

The holotype and three paratypes (1♂ 2♀♀) are preserved in the collection of the National Science Museum (Nat. Hist.), Tokyo, and the other paratypes are preserved in the private collections of Dr. Hisatoshi KEZUKA and Yasunori KISHIDA.

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Figs. 1-2. *Attacus edwardsii* subsp. 1: *A. e. malayanus* subsp. nov. (holotype), 2: *A. e. edwardsii* (Assam).

摘 要

マレー半島産 *Attacus edwardsii* の 1 新亜種 (黒沢良彦・岸田泰則)

マレー半島キャメロンハイランドより 1 新亜種 *Attacus edwardsii malayanus* KUROSAWA & KISHIDA を記載した.

ヒマラヤ地方に分布する原名亜種とは, 前後翅の地色がより赤味をおび, 白帯はより細いなどの点で容易に区別できる.